

How to Resist A World of Idols & Sinful Desires (Owen vol 6, p 79)

Set Faith at work on Christ for the *killing* of your sin. His blood is the great sovereign remedy for sin-sick souls. Live in this, and you will die a conqueror; even more, you will live to see your lust dead at your feet ... Let, then, your soul by faith be exercised with such thoughts and apprehensions as these:

“I am a poor, weak creature; unstable as water, I cannot excel. This corruption is too hard for me, and is at the very door of ruining my soul; and what to do I know not. My soul has become as parched ground ... I have made promises and broken them; vows and engagements have been as a thing of no importance. Many times I have been persuaded that I had got the victory and should be delivered, but I am deceived; so that I plainly see, that without Christ’s succor and assistance, I am lost, and shall be prevailed on to an utter relinquishment of God. But yet, though this is my state and condition, let the hands that hang down be lifted up, and the feeble knees be strengthened. Behold, the Lord Christ can take my drooping, dying soul and make me more than a conqueror ...

Yes, He can make my heart, so full of abominable lusts and fiery temptations, to be a place of green grass and fruitfulness for Himself (Isaiah 35:7).”

Now, if you don’t find success in this conquest, yet you will be staid in your chariot, and you will not fly out of the field until the battle be ended; you will be kept from utter despondency.1) By faith fill your soul with a due consideration of (John 4:43-5:15)

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## LORD’S DAY MORNING WORSHIP

March 23, 2025



### GOD GATHERS HIS PEOPLE

#### Welcome, Announcements & Prelude

*A time to be quiet and prepare for holy worship.  
When the music begins, please take your seats.*

#### Silent Reflection

#### Salutation and Call to Worship

#### \* Opening Hymn

*In Christ Alone*

*#4 Covenant Praises (all verses)*

1 In Christ alone my hope is found He is my light my strength my song  
This Cornerstone this solid Ground Firm through the fiercest drought and storm  
What heights of love what depths of peace  
When fears are stilled when strivings cease  
My Comforter my All in All Here in the love of Christ I stand

2 In Christ alone who took on flesh Fullness of God in helpless babe  
This gift of love and righteousness Scorned by the ones He came to save  
Till on that cross as Jesus died The wrath of God was satisfied  
For every sin on Him was laid Here in the death of Christ I live

3 There in the ground His body lay Light of the world by darkness slain  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day Up from the grave He rose again  
And as He stands in victory Sin's curse has lost its grip on me  
For I am His and He is mine Bought with the precious blood of Christ

4 No guilt in life no fear in death This is the power of Christ in me  
From life's first cry to final breath Jesus commands my destiny  
No power of hell no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand  
Till He returns or calls me home Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

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#### \* Invocation (concluding with the Lord’s Prayer)

#### God’s Law

Acts 17:15-32 (p 1101 pew Bible)

**We Confess Our Sins**

You, O Lord, have promised that if we confess our sins, you are faithful and just and will forgive us. Humbly we come seeking your forgiveness, that we may know the joy of your presence and the light of your face. You alone know our hearts, how often we have offended you, how often we have offended others. Forgive us, Lord, for every unkind thought; every false word; every wrong act. Forgive us, for we have lived not for you, but for ourselves. Forgive us for failing to give you thanks; for our neglect of prayer and our ignorance of your word. Heavenly Father, have mercy on us. Create in us clean hearts and renew a right spirit within us; by the blood of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

**We Petition God**

Congregational Prayer

**Offering & Prayer of Dedication**

**Offertory Hymn**

**Ps 51**    *O Thou That Hear'st When Sinners Cry*  
# 485 *Trinity Hymnal* (verses 1-3)

- 1 O thou that hear'st when sinners cry, though all my crimes before thee lie, behold them not with angry look, but blot their mem'ry from thy book.
- 2 Create my nature pure within, and form my soul averse to sin; let thy good Spirit ne'er depart, nor hide thy presence from my heart.
- 3 I cannot live without thy light, cast out and banished from thy sight; thy holy joys, my God, restore, and guard me, that I fall no more. \*\*\*

**Gloria Patri**

# 735 *Trinity Hymnal*

**Assurance of Pardon**

**\* Song of Response**

*Beneath The Cross of Jesus*  
#14 *Covenant Praises* (all verses)

- 1 Beneath the cross of Jesus I find a place to stand  
And wonder at such mercy That calls me as I am  
For hands that should discard me Hold wounds which tell me come  
Beneath the cross of Jesus My unworthy soul is won
- 2 Beneath the cross of Jesus His family is my own  
Once strangers chasing selfish dreams Now one through grace alone  
How could I now dishonor The ones that You have loved  
Beneath the cross of Jesus See the children called by God
- 3 Beneath the cross of Jesus The path before the crown  
We follow in His footsteps Where promised hope is found  
How great the joy before us To be His perfect bride  
Beneath the cross of Jesus We will gladly live our lives

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**GOD SPEAKS HIS WORD TO HIS PEOPLE**

**\* Hymn of Preparation:**

*Just As I Am*  
# 500 *Trinity Hymnal* (verses 1-4)

- 1 Just as I am, without one plea but that thy blood was shed for me, and that thou bidd'st me come to thee, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 2 Just as I am, and waiting not to rid my soul of one dark blot, to thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 3 Just as I am, though tossed about with many a conflict, many a doubt, fightings and fears within, without, O Lamb of God, I come, I come.
- 4 Just as I am, poor, wretched, blind; sight, riches, healing of the mind, yea, all I need, in thee to find, O Lamb of God, I come, I come. \*\*

**\* Prayer for Illumination**

**\* Scripture**

John 4:43-5:15 (p 1057 pew Bible)

**Sermon**

God's Miracle of Faith (Pt II—Proximity)

**Prayer of Application**

**\* Closing Hymn**

*Lord, with Glowing Heart I'd Praise Thee*  
# 80 *Trinity Hymnal* (all verses)

- 1 Lord, with glowing heart I'd praise thee for the bliss thy love bestows, for the pard'ning grace that saves me, and the peace that from it flows. Help, O God, my weak endeavor; this dull soul to rapture raise; thou must light the flame, or never can my love be warmed to praise.
- 2 Praise, my soul, the God that sought thee, wretched wand'rer far astray; found thee lost, and kindly brought thee from the paths of death away. Praise, with love's devoutest feeling, him who saw thy guilt-born fear, and, the light of hope revealing, bade the blood-stained cross appear.
- 3 Praise thy Savior God that drew thee to that cross, new life to give, held a blood-sealed pardon to thee, bade thee look to him and live. praise the grace whose threats alarmed thee, roused thee from thy fatal ease; praise the grace whose promise warmed thee, praise the grace that whispered peace.
- 4 Lord, this bosom's ardent feeling vainly would my lips express; low before thy footstool kneeling, deign thy suppliant's pray'r to bless. Let thy love, my soul's chief treasure, love's pure flame within me raise; and, since words can never measure, let my life show forth thy praise. \*\*

**\*Benediction**

**\*Doxology**

#731 *Trinity Hymnal*

\* please stand if able

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